



The Parishioner



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Pastoral Letter

September 2011

Dear Friends,

I promise not to start all of my letters with a phrase like... '... When I was with the Queen in Balmoral....' But please indulge me a moment or two in this, the first letter since my visit to Balmoral Castle and the Parish of Crathie Kirk. The congregations of Braemar and Crathie wished me to bring their greetings and good wishes back to St Mary's. While worshiping in these other churches I was so aware of everyone gathering at St Mary's and the connection through worship we would have. It was the same readings from the Bible, the same Hymns and the same faithful people gathering to listen for God's word for them today. In St Mary's, Braemar and Crathie, the people of God had gathered for worship.

I was honoured to be invited

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to lead worship at Crathie and stay with the Queen at Balmoral. The welcome I received was warm, authentic and meaningful. The Queen had a genuine interest in Kirkintilloch, the Church of Scotland and my family. The Christian faith was very much at the centre of our conversation. The Queen demonstrated a deep understanding of the issues facing the Church today. It was clear she saw her office as sacred, with a belief that God has called her to serve.

During my conversation I was aware that we often fail to see God in our own calling and work. We often think it is all about 'us' and the choices we have made. When you think about those who have recognized their call it can be an inspiration.

As I reflect upon my visit and share some of the stories, I will try to encourage others to know they are called by God to serve.

Yours Mark J.

The Bells of St Mary's



September 04 Lisa Thomson and Karen Morrison

11 Lynsey Ferris and Janet Millin

18 Dorothy Stewart and Ross Johnstone

25 James Paterson and Scott Millin

October 02 Mary Stirling and Jen Biggans



Parish Register

Baptisms

'Jesus said 'Let the children come to me, for as such is the Kingdom of heaven'... he placed his hand upon them and blessed them'

August 14 **Sophie Amy Jackson**, daughter of Derek and Tracy
Rudi Arran Riley Watkins, son of Mandy and Joseph

The Lord bless you, and keep you: the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you: the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace

Weddings

'God is love and those who dwell in love dwell in God and God in them'

We celebrated the marriage of:

June 23 Kayrene McGowan and Gavin Howie

July 01 Alison Burns and Richard Pears

Funerals

'Jesus said 'I am the resurrection and the life...'

'Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted'

'Jesus said 'The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God.'

June 01	Gordon Campbell, 9 Parkview Avenue, Kirkintilloch
03	George Cunningham, 3 Kelvin Court, Kirkintilloch
06	Agnes (Nan) Smith, 70 Ellisland, Kirkintilloch
09	Aida Hall, 6 Oxgang Place, Kirkintilloch,
22	Derek Charles Tilling, 6 Second Avenue, Auchinloch
July 13	Alexander Thomson, 21 Kelvin Court, Kirkintilloch
16	William Carruthers, 4 Chestnut Drive, Lenzie
30	Robert Whyte Pearson, c/o 6 Auchinloch Road, Lenzie

Memorial Service

A memorial service for the late George Johnstone took place within the Church on Friday 08 July. George had moved down south to be nearer his daughter, but was an Elder, a member of the Choir and one of the original 'dunny squad'.

Special Anniversaries – Pearl Wedding

Tom and Fiona Leishman celebrated their 30th anniversary in July.

Special Anniversaries – Silver Wedding

David and Margaret McPherson celebrated their anniversary on 16 June.

Congratulations and very best wishes to them all from the congregation.



Thank You . . .

Thank you letters are acknowledged from the following who received chancel flowers during the summer months.

Dr D. Primrose, Mrs M. Burns, Mrs E. Thomson, Miss I. Thomson, Mr J. Bogle, Mrs J. Craig, Mrs M. Smith, Mrs M. Lesley, Mrs H. Campbell, Mr Mrs W. McLachlan, Mrs A. Cunningham, Mrs S. Robertson, Mrs A. McPhee, Mr L. Gaston, C. & H. Cruickshanks, Mrs C. Wilson, Miss A. Tassie, Mrs J. Montgomery, Miss J. Campbell, Mr Mrs S. Walker, Mrs J. Hutton, Mrs E. Gillies, Mr Mrs R. Shaw, Miss J. Proven, Mr Mrs T. Ward, Mrs B. McCall, Mr Mrs S. Smart, Mrs J. Thomson, J. & A. Marran, Mr I Devine, Mrs A. Dickinson, Mrs J. Stirling, Mrs A. Scott, J. & A. Pearson, Mrs G. Young, Mrs J. Craig, B. & J. Hutchison, Miss J. Currie, Mrs J. Hutton, Mrs C. Smith, Mrs M. Macintosh, Mrs A. Cunningham, Miss A. Letford, Mrs B. McArthur, Mrs I. Vernett, Miss I. Thomson, Mrs N. Fleming, Mrs N. Wright, Mrs J. Ward.

Janice Reid thanks all those who gave donations for the Chancel flowers during the months of June, July and August.

Lorna McCallum thanks everyone for the beautiful flowers and good wishes received after her recent accident.



Church Flowers

We wish to thank the following members who will donate the flowers for the chancel of our Church during September.

September	11	Mrs G. Watson, Mrs J Stewart, Mrs D McMillan
	18	Mrs M. Glennie, Mr H. Biggans, Miss J. Currie, Mrs B. Little, The Fisher Family
	25	Mrs A. Differ, Mrs C. Devine, Mrs J. Bett, Mr M. Miller, A. & L. Struth, J & A Marran
October	02	Mrs C. Beveridge, Mrs I. McCrae, Mrs M. Wilson, Mrs J. Nicol, Mrs M Burns, Mrs J. McKean.

The following members, whom we wish to thank for their assistance, will be responsible for distribution.

September 11 / 18 Mrs E Hall and Mrs K Pollock, Mr Mrs G Day

September 25 /

October 02 Mrs V Lindsay and Mrs M Gaston



Prayer Secretary

Dear Friends ...

I hope you have had some of the sunshine which, once in a while, made up the summer and are now looking forward to the start of the 'Church Year' and meeting friends at the various activities. Looking through my books I found this version of the 23rd Psalm written many years ago by a seaman. I found it in 'In Quietness and Confidence' edited and compiled by Mary Oakley and I hope you like it.

A Sea Captain's Version of the 23rd Psalm

The Lord is my pilot. I shall not drift.
He lighteth me across the dark waters.
He steereth me in deep channels.
He keepeth my log.
He guideth me by the star of holiness for
His Name's sake.

Yea, though I sail mid the thunders and
tempests of life, I will dread no danger,
for Thou art with me,
Thy love and Thy care shelter me.

Thou preparest a harbour before me in
the homeland of eternity.
Thou anointest the waves with oil,
My ship rideth calmly.

Surely sunlight and starlight shall favour
me in the voyage I take, and I will rest
in the port of my god for ever.

John Roberts, 1874.

Yours Margaret.



Car Park Closure

Please note Church Car Park is closed week-days between 10.30 and 11.30 pm. for Nursery outdoor play.

Crèche

An invitation is extended to all parents who have young children (0 – 3 years) to come to church and make use of our crèche facilities during worship. The crèche is available every Sunday morning when Christine, Eleanor and Alisha or Helen, Kirsteen and Shona come on alternate Sundays to look after and have fun with the children.

The Parishioner

Copy for the October magazine should be handed to Sandra Burns, left in the Publications pigeon hole in the Hall vestibule, or sent by e-mail to sandraburns@ntlworld.com no later than Sunday 30 October.

The Publications Committee are always interested in the activities of all our Organisations, especially the young people of Church, so if you wish your voice to be heard, or have something you would like published in The Parishioner, please let the Editor know.

Why not go to www.stmaryskirkintilloch.org.uk and have a look at our new website. If you have any news for the Church Website and would like our members to know, please e-mail newsorintimations@stmaryskirkintilloch.org.uk

VISITORS ARE WELCOME

St Mary's is a sit anywhere Church and visitors are always welcome. If you feel there should be more to life than retail therapy and Friday night clubbing, try coming along to the 11 o'clock service on Sunday morning. You may hear something to change how you value your life and your relationships with those around you. You don't have to join up to join in.



St Mary's Nursery School

St. Mary's Nursery School thanks all those who collected Tesco and Sainsbury's vouchers on their behalf. These have now been sent off with orders for new resources. Thank you again for your support.

Harvest Festival

We celebrate Harvest on Sunday 09 October and the theme is Creation. Our young people will be producing Art Work, singing songs and there may be a bit of Drama too! As St. Mary's is now committed to being an Eco Friendly Congregation, we will be exploring ways of SAVING THE PLANET. Come and join us. It should be fun!

The Harvest Committee this year comprises: Jim More, John Marran, Archie Morrison and Gordon Morrison.

Boys' Brigade

The Junior Section, together with Shipmates held their parents evening at the end of May, which was well attended and enjoyed by everyone. All the boys, as well as some of the parents, participated in the fun of the games. Awards were presented to the following:

Gold Awards - Lewis Penman, Ryan Ormiston and Ryan Campbell

Robert Beveridge Scripture Knowledge - Lewis Penman

Officers Special Award - Craig Stevenson

John Lang Award for Endeavour - Robbie Hay

New Session Commence Dates

Boys' Brigade starts back on Monday 05 September from 6.45 – 8.30 p.m. The Leaders look forward to seeing the boys then and welcoming any new ones.

The Shipmates also start back on Monday 5 September from 6.00-7.00 p.m. They are looking for some extra help this year as there are only three of them coping with around 24 boys. There are another 6 boys on the waiting list eligible to join and unless they get this additional help it means some little ones may not get to enjoy an hour of fun on a Monday evening. It would probably suit younger persons as the boys are a bit energetic!!!! If you can offer assistance, please contact Lindsey Campbell on 07979504862 or by e-mail lecampbell72@hotmail.com.



Brownies

Brownies start back on Wednesday 07 September from 6.30 – 7.45 p.m. They look forward to welcoming everyone back. All girls between 7 – 10 years most welcome.

Ladies Bowling Club

Ladies Bowling Club resumes on Monday 05 September from 1.30 – 3.30pm. New members will be made most welcome and existing members could perhaps bring along a friend. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided for a small donation of £1.00.

The Men's Club

This article should only be read by the '**Young at Heart**'.

The Men's Club returns on Monday 05 September at 7.30 p.m. If you are interested in a night of various activities (not too active), you could not find a better place. Carpet bowls, Pool, Billiards and Table Tennis along with tea and biccies at half time and numerous stories told by, you know who! Not to mention the odd fish supper night, which is looked forward to with great relish!

Surely the aforementioned must have whetted your appetite by now; if so have a word with Archie Smith of Angus MacNeill. To date there have been a few enquiries and look forward to many more.

Country Dance Club

Country Dance Class resumes on Tuesday 20 September at 7.45 p.m. when 'old' dancing feet and hopefully new ones, (ladies and gents), will be made most welcome for an enjoyable evening.





Kirkintilloch 800th Anniversary

On the afternoon of Sunday 02 October there will be a Special Service in the Church to celebrate Kirkintilloch becoming a burgh. Specially invited dignitaries will be attending and an invitation is extended to everyone to come along. Further details will be provided in the intimations section of the Sunday 'Welcome Sheet'.



Listeners Circle

The first meeting of the new session will be on Friday 16 September at 2pm in the Session House. Everyone is cordially invited to come along to hear ninety minutes of a wide range of music with a break in the middle for tea and conversation.

Holiday Club

This year the Holiday Club will be held from Monday 17 – Friday 21 October and the time is 10.00 a.m. – 12 noon. An invitation is extended to all Primary school age children to celebrate God through Art & Crafts and Worship.

Sunday School

Sunday School resumes on 04 September 2011. Children from 3-16 will be made very welcome. On Sunday 18 September they will be holding a welcome breakfast in the hall from 10.00. All families with children are welcome to come along. Forms to register for this event will be available from Sunday School Teachers or at the front door on 04 and 11 September.

On 18 September following the breakfast, there will be a Sunday School altogether morning where all the children will have the opportunity to take part in a number of activities centred around the "Eco Church" programme.

The "Eco Church" programme will be central to the Sunday School activities over the coming year. More information can be found at <http://www.ecocongregationscotland.org/>

Finally we have a date for your diary. The annual Sunday School craft fair will be held in the halls on 12 November from 12 noon – 4.00 pm.



St Mary's Parish Church Future Focus

Songs of Praise

with

Kirkintilloch
Male Voice Choir



**Sunday, 18th September 2011
7.00 pm**

*A Special Church Service
of
Thanksgiving & Celebration
as we reflect on our Future Focus events
held earlier this year and the
St Mary's Timeline - Past, Present and Future!*



**As we share our responses to the
'Hopes and Dreams' questionnaire from the Future Focus
Timeline events held recently, we will discover that it really
is time to
Reawaken The Dream! and everyone is invited.**





The Guild

The Guild meets on Friday evenings in the Mid Hall at 7.30pm. They commence their new Session on 07 October. All are welcome, including gentlemen, to come along and enjoy the fellowship and listen to a varied selection of topics throughout the Session year.



Coffee Morning

COFFEE MORNING in ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL on SATURDAY 08 OCTOBER from 10am to 12 noon. Tea/coffee, home baking, tombola all for £1.50.

Come along and help us keep the free cruises sailing.



Annual Flower Show

Kirkintilloch Horticultural Society Annual Flower Show will be held in the Church Hall on Saturday 03 September 2011 from 1.30 – 3.45pm, with an auction of cut flowers taking place at 3.45 p.m.

There is also a tea room, raffle and tombola.

The Society thanks the Rev Mark Johnstone and Session for the use of the Halls for the Flower Show and also the Plant Sale in May.



As Free as a Bird!

Today when we see or hear seagulls calling and swooping over our heads we give them very little thought or even wonder why they have to be so noisy and at times must create such a mess. For a small but very active group of people however the word seagull has a completely different connotation.

It is the name given to a charity run entirely by volunteers and completely self funded which provides free canal cruising for many of our most disadvantaged people in Scotland. It grew out of a vision of the Rev. Hugh Mackay minister of Ratho, a village outside Edinburgh. At a time when horizons for people with mobility problems or who were disabled in any way were very restricted he brought together a small group of willing people who began free canal cruising for disabled people along the Union Canal. From this small beginning in 1974, with one boat on one canal, the organisation has grown into one which has 4 branches and 9 boats cruising throughout the Central Lowlands and near Inverness.

Every year our volunteers freely give up their time to help keep Hugh Mackay's vision alive. Last year the Kirkintilloch Branch alone carried over 5000 passengers without charge on specially adapted boats making them accessible to everyone. The joy this brings to our passengers, many of whom have severe mobility problems, is apparent to anyone who sees them. For 2 hours both children and the elderly can cruise the canal with the same freedom as the rest of the population who take this for granted.

So next time you see and hear the seagulls remember they also represent the 9 small red boats who quietly and efficiently sail the canals of Scotland bringing much pleasure to many disadvantaged people.

CDs, Tapes and Things

From this month onwards the Sunday Service recordings will be made monthly and distributed with 'The Parishioner' to those who normally receive them, unless they have made other arrangements.





Safeguarding Policy Statement 2010

Ensuring a Safe Church for All

The Church of Scotland has a deep concern for the wholeness and well-being of each individual. Through its congregations, working together with the Safeguarding Service and statutory agencies, the Church seeks to safeguard the welfare of all people who come into contact with the Church and its services.

The Gospel proclaims that it is the responsibility of everyone within the fellowship of the Church to prevent harm, be it physical, sexual or emotional and we will always seek to reduce risk.

The Church's commitment to safeguarding reminds us that God cares passionately about the welfare and wellbeing of all people.

Further details of the Church's theology of Safeguarding can be found in the For of Such is the Kingdom of Heaven General Assembly Report, May 2009. www.churchofscotland.org.uk



"When she said to pay attention to her sermon because there would be questions later, I thought it was a joke."



Celebrating Ten Years of the Reopening of the Canal

Until 10 years ago the canal next to the church was closed and covered with algae and hardly an engaging feature of the town. It was possible to sail east or west along the canal from Kirkintilloch, but not through the town itself. 10 years ago all this changed when the canal was reopened as part of the millennium project and Kirkintilloch began promoting itself as the canal capital of Scotland. To celebrate this event there is going to be a gathering of boats in Falkirk during the September weekend. The boats, over 80 in all, are meeting at Bowling and then sailing in convoy, passing through Kirkintilloch on Saturday 24 September. They should reach the Southbank Marina by lunchtime, where they will stop for some lunch before progressing through Kirkintilloch and on to Auchinstarry for the night. It will take some time for all these boats to pass through and it will be quite a spectacle. Not even in the days when the Forth/Clyde Canal was a thriving canal full of barges carrying goods across Scotland have so many boats passed through the town in such a short time.

If you are not busy that day it will be a sight worth seeing as the boats make their way through the town and queue up to pass through Hillhead Bridge.



It was unfortunate that the Sunday School seaside outing forgot where they had buried the minister.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Our Annual Accounts In A Simpler Form

Once again we are producing a simplified set of abstracts from our annual accounts which include only the figures for the Church itself. These are intended to show a true reflection of our finances for the year. We have also given some explanations for the variations in the figures from 2009 to 2010 to provide you with a fuller picture of our performance and requirements for the future.

	2010	2009
	£	£
INCOME		
Offerings	110592	111940
Gift Aid Tax Recovery	24201	19000
Legacy	5050	0
Church Organisations	1120	900
Other Income	2320	1729
	143283	133569
Hall Lets	7443	5975
Interest Received	826	827
Dividends Received	974	2296
Weddings & Funerals	300	1250
Coffee Mornings etc.	1984	2367
Sundry Donations	2015	1318
Total Income	156825	147602
EXPENDITURE		
Ministries & Mission	77085	77163
Less: Endowment Income	1490	1730
	75595	75463
Presbytery Dues	4846	4049
Voluntary Stipend	810	810
Minister's Travel etc.	3323	1844
Local Staffing	15512	15216
Fabric Repairs & Maintenance	11773	13271
Laundry & Cleaning	1833	2381
Council Tax	2218	2216
Heat & Light	21688	16672
Insurance & Water Rates	9197	9642
Telephone, Stationery etc.	4956	5308
Organ & Music	2052	1301
Sundry Expenses	951	1349
Outreach	948	340
Pulpit Supply	0	50
Total Expenditure	155702	149912
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	1123	(2310)

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As you can see our offerings appear to be fallen marginally this year, however the amounts contributed to our Special Projects Fund totalling £15,001 (including gift aid), are not included in general offerings. A substantial part of these funds were donated anonymously and we wish to thank the donors. The Gift Aid recovery has increased substantially this year as a result of new members joining the scheme and increased donations from one member, which we wish to recognise with thanks. We would however remind members that this was the last year in which the top up scheme was in operation. In the current year we will lose approximately £3,000 if our level of income from gift aid remains unchanged. Please consider this matter carefully and if you can increase your giving this would be greatly appreciated.

We were fortunate to receive legacies totalling £5,050 during the year which has contributed to a small surplus rather than a deficit being incurred. Income from premises lets has increased this year as additional use was made of the Halls by outside organisations. In the current year we have increased our charges for the first time in three years, to take account of the rising costs of fuel etc.

After protracted correspondence with the Stewardship & Finance Department of the Church of Scotland we succeeded in having our allocation for Ministries & Mission reduced from their original calculation. The saving achieved was £3,667 for each of three years and the revised method will also result in substantial savings for all future years in which the Friends of St. Mary's Fund (formerly Special Projects Fund) operates. We have made savings in repairs as the Fabric Committee have been very diligent in obtaining good prices for work done. Heat & Light costs have risen substantially as a result not only of increased charges but the extreme winter weather.

We have made every effort to hold down costs and to maximise income wherever possible; however, over 60% of all offerings are taken up by contributions to Central Funds which puts severe restraints on what we can achieve locally.

The planning for the substantial repairs and improvements to our sanctuary is continuing but as Glasgow Presbytery are re-thinking their Presbytery Plan we are unable to make much progress at this time. The congregation will be kept up to date when any further news is available.

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We trust that you find the above information more understandable than the full accounts which were presented at the Stated Annual Meeting. If you have any questions on the accounts or want to join the Gift Aid Scheme or pay by Standing Order, please contact either of the contributors.

John Thomson Treasurer
Hugh Biggans Finance Convenor

May Offering

DATE	FREEWILL OFFERING	GIFT AID	OPEN PLATE	STANDING ORDERS
01.05.11	609.25	384.60	149.60	
08.05.11	643.00	550.00	96.00	
15.05.11	678.90	554.00	216.70	
22.05.11	485.00	400.40	121.77	
29.05.11	524.05	423.00	137.90	
Standing orders				3767.33
TOTAL	2940.20	2312.00	721.97	3767.33
Total for the Month		9741.50		

JUNE OFFERING

DATE	FREEWILL OFFERING	GIFT AID	OPEN PLATE	STANDING ORDERS
05.06.11	709.40	1004.90	78.98	
12.06.11	607.10	429.50	72.01	
19.06.11	513.00	573.40	84.40	
26.06.11	486.50	273.00	125.00	
Standing orders				3656.33
TOTAL	2316.00	2280.80	360.39	3656.33
Total for the Month		8613.52		



July Offering

DATE	FREEWILL OFFERING	GIFT AID	OPEN PLATE	STANDING ORDERS
03.07.11	505.50	565.50	102.28	
10.07.11	630.00	412.50	62.48	
17.07.11	532.35	443.50	43.00	
24.07.11	485.95	422.50	54.12	
31.07.11	454.00	468.00	48.20	
Standing orders				3656.33
TOTAL	2607.80	2312.00	310.08	3656.33
Total for the Month		8886.21		

RECEIPTS AND DONATIONS

Jim & Cynthia Keelings	270.00
Over 50s Badminton	20.00
Over 50s Badminton	40.00
Donations following baptisms on 29.05 to Special Projects Fund	100.00
Donation to Parishioner	10.00
Anonymous Donation	100.00
Donation to Parishioner	10.00
G66 live Hall use	210.00
St Mary's Country Dance Donation to Special Projects Fund	350.00
Anonymous Donation	50.00
Donation Wedding	150.00



Of course, Vicar, you are most welcome to some harvest milk. Would you like 4% fat, 3.5% fat, 1% fat, pre-treated, post-treated, homogenised, whole, skimmed, semi-skimmed or flavoured...?



Across

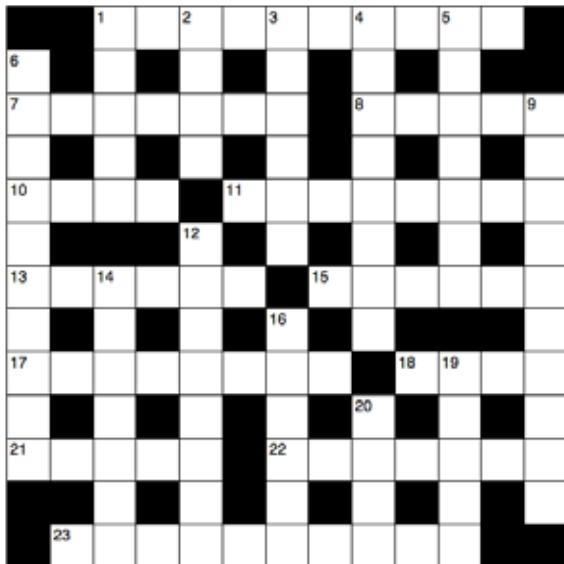
- 1 'You are no longer — and aliens, but fellow-citizens with God's people' (Ephesians 2:19) (10)
- 7 'Religion that God our Father — as pure and faultless is this' (James 1:27) (7)
- 8 'Do you want a — ? Signal then to Jesus' (5)
- 10 Throw (Exodus 9:8) (4)
- 11 We rank it (anag.) (8)
- 13 Encourage (Isaiah 59:13) (6)
- 15 'Then Jesus — from Galilee — the Jordan to be baptized by John' (Matthew 3:13) (4,2)
- 17 Coming to rest (Matthew 3:16) (8)
- 18 Provisional decree in divorce proceedings (4)
- 21 Long earnestly (Psalm 84:2) (5)
- 22 'Put these old rags and — clothes under your arms to pad the ropes' (Jeremiah 38:12) (4-3)
- 23 'He defends the cause of the — and the widow, and loves the alien' (Deuteronomy 10:18) (10)

Down

- 1 Self-evident truths (Acts 19:36) (5)
- 2 'Open your eyes and look at the fields! They are — for harvest' (John 4:35) (4)
- 3 'Your great learning is driving you —' (Acts 26:24) (6)
- 4 'Spring of water' on the borders of Judah and Benjamin (Joshua 15:9) (8)
- 5 Rile Eve (anag.) (7)

ACROSS: 1, Foreigners. 7, Accepts. 8, Pilot. 10, Toss. 11, Knitwear. 13, Foment. 15, Came to. 17, Lighting. 18, Nisi. 21, Yearn. 22, Worn-out. 23, Fatherless. DOWN: 1, Facts. 2, Ripe. 3, Insane. 4, Nephioah. 5, Relieve. 6, Faithfully. 9, Terrorists. 12, One tenth. 14, Magdala. 16, Answer. 19, Irons. 20, Tree.

Crossword



ANSWERS AT FOOT OF PAGE

- 6 'Remember, O Lord, how I have walked before you — and with wholehearted devotion' (Isaiah 38:3) (10)
- 9 Paul was mistakenly suspected of leading 4000 of these into the desert (Acts 21:38) (10)
- 12 Relationship of an omer to an ephah (Exodus 16:36) (3,5)
- 14 Galilean home town of Mary, 'from whom seven demons had come out' (Luke 8:2) (7)
- 16 'If I tell you, you will not believe me, and if I asked you, you would not —' (Luke 22:67-68) (6)
- 19 Fetters (Mark 5:4) (5)
- 20 'No good — bears bad fruit' (Luke 6:43) (4)





THANK YOU

The beginning of autumn and Harvest time is here again, a time when we come together to thank God for all of his blessings.

Harvest is a popular time of the year with special school and church services. Baskets of fruit and vegetables, tins of baked beans and sliced mangos – all offerings from our garden or kitchen cupboards to be given to the sick or elderly or sold to raise money for those in other places who go hungry.

We thank God for all his gifts at Harvest. In the words of the harvest hymn we sing 'All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above, then thank the Lord... for all his love.' So even the humble tin of beans becomes a symbol of God's love and care for us.



BEAN CAKE

Well, it's not really made with baked beans but it looks as if it is...

You will need:

100 g (4 oz) margarine
100 g (4 oz) toffees
100 g (4 oz) pink and white marshmallows
100 g (4 oz) Rice Crispies

Grease and line a Swiss roll tin.

Put the margarine, toffees and marshmallows into a large saucepan and stir over a gentle heat until everything is melted together.

Take the pan off the heat and stir in the Rice Crispies.

Press the mixture into the prepared tin and leave to set in a cool place. Cut into squares when cold.

What do you get when you put three ducks in a box?
A box of quackers.

Why did the boy eat his homework?

The teacher told him it was a piece of cake.

What did the hungry computer eat?
Chips, one byte at a time.





ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH ORGANISATIONS

DAY	ORGANISATION	LOCATION	TIME	CONTACT
Sunday	Sunday Worship	Church	11.00 a.m. – 12 noon	Rev Mark Johnstone
	Sunday School	Church Halls	ditto	Elaine Stevens / Louise Barry
	Seekers	ditto	ditto	Ken Craig
	Crèche	ditto	ditto	Dorothy Stewart
	Fairtrade	Main Hall	12 noon – 12.30 p.m.	Fiona Leishman/Leslie Baird
	Badminton			
	Beginners	ditto	4.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	Trevor Patterson
	Junior	ditto	5.30 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.	Susan Wilson
	Senior	ditto	7.30 p.m. – 10.30p.m.	Trevor Patterson
	Youth Fellowship	Mid Hall	7.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.	Lorna McCallum
Monday	Ladies Bowling	Main Hall	1.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	Cathie Devine/Bessie Cousin
	Shipmates	ditto	6.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.	Lindsey Campbell
	Junior & Company			
	Section Boys' Brigade	ditto	6.45p.m. – 8.30 p.m.	Iain Hill
	Men's Club	Main Hall	7.30 p.m. – 10.00p.m.	Archie Smith
Tuesday	WRVS Lunch Club	Main Hall	12 noon – 1.30 p.m.	Jane Hutchison
	Ladies Badminton	ditto	1.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	Doreen More
	Junior Badminton	ditto	6.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.	Trevor Patterson
	Senior Badminton	ditto	8.00 p.m. – 10.30 p.m.	Susan Wilson
	Prayer Time	Session House	7.00 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.	Rev Katy Owen
	Country Dancing	Mid Hall	7.45 p.m. – 10.00 p.m.	Moira MacNeill
Wednesday	Wednesday Welcome	Session House	10.00a.m. – 11.20a.m.	Mary Stirling
	Wednesday Worship	Church	11.30 a.m. – 12 noon	Rev Mark Johnstone
	Over 50s Badminton	Main Hall	1.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	
	Brownies	ditto	6.30 p.m. – 7.45 p.m.	Elizabeth Cousin
	Rainbows	ditto	6.30 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.	Agnes Marran
	Vestry Hour	Vestry	7.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.	Rev Mark Johnstone
				<i>Telephone Church Office</i>
Thursday	Flower Circle (alternate weeks)	Mid Hall	7.30 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.	Elizabeth Walker
	Choir	Session House	7.45 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.	David Burns
Friday	Listeners' Circle (monthly)	ditto	2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.	
	Guild	Mid Hall	7.30 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.	Moira MacNeill

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